STATE OF ALABAMA
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## **AFFIDAVIT**

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority for said County and State, personally appeared **VeLinda A.J. Weatherly**, who is known to me, and after being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows:

My name is **VeLinda A.J. Weatherly.** I am currently employed as an Associate Member of the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles. In that capacity, among other duties, I am one of three regular board members who have the discretionary decision-making authority of whether or not to grant parole or deny parole during parole consideration hearings conducted in open public meetings. I also have the discretionary decision-making authority to reset a prisoner for further parole consideration in conjunction with the *Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (the "Rules"*).

I deny violating any of Tony Broach's, AIS# 135,351, constitutional rights or acting arbitrary, capricious, abusive, discriminatory, or in a vindictive manner under the color of state law when I exercised my discretionary decision-making authority to decide whether or not to grant or deny parole to Broach on August 11, 2005.

I did not violate Tony Broach's due process rights. Broach does not have any due process rights when he is being considered for parole. At no time did I improperly consider Broach for parole or discriminate against him.

I am charged with the duty of personally studying prisoners so as to determine their ultimate fitness to be paroled. I did so in this case and decided to vote against granting

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clemency to Broach on August 11, 2005. I voted to reset Broach for further tentative parole consideration in August 2007, which is clearly within the ambit of the current *Rules*. I deny violating the *Rules* or any state statutes.

In relation to Broach's claims where he was considered for parole in 1999 and reset for further consideration in 2002, I was **not** on the Board at that time. I was appointed to serve on the Board by Governor Bob Riley on January 29, 2004.

I deny violating Broach's Eighth Amendment rights against Cruel and Unusual Punishment. I have no authority to extend or to alter a prison term. My authority comes from the Alabama parole statutes. Extending sentences or prison terms is not listed in the Alabama parole statutes.

I deny violating *any* of Tony Broach's constitutionally protected rights. I acted within my lawful, discretionary authority when considering Broach for parole on August 11, 2005.

VELINDA A.J. WEATHERLY

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me this  $20^{n^4}$  day of 2006.

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